



# Sophomore Night

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FEBRUARY 18, 1015

# Agenda

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- GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
- TESTING
  - PSAT
  - CAHSEE
  - SAT SUBJECT TESTS
- HONOR ROLL/HONOR SOCIETIES
  - DESIGNATIONS
    - HONOR SOCIETIES
      - CSF
      - NATIONAL HONOR ROLL
- PARENT PORTAL (POWERSCHOOL)
  - NAVIANCE (COLLEGE PLANNING)
- WHAT YOU SHOULD BE DOING DURING SOPHOMORE YEAR

# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

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- **DA VINCI SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- A-G Courses

- Meets minimum requirements for both California State University and University of California systems
- For more competitive and impacted campuses, higher level courses are recommended
  - Honors courses
  - College courses (Antioch University, Community Colleges)
  - UC and CSU colleges ONLY count courses from Grades 10 & 11

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- **DA VINCI SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

- Meets requirements for most state “out of state” colleges
- More stringent requirements for highly selective colleges (Ivy League, highly competitive)
  - Many highly competitive colleges recommend or require SAT Subject tests
    - Sophomores can take Subject Tests aligned with curriculum (World History, Foreign Language , Math and Science)
- Must pass CAHSEE in order to graduate
  - Will be administered in March 2015
    - English and Math



# What is honor roll?

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Each academic year, based on grades, students have the opportunity to receive one of the following designations:

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- Principal's List- GPA of 3.5-3.99-DVD
- Superior Achievement-GPA of 4.0+



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- Superior Achievement-GPA of 3.5-3.79
- Nathan's List-GPA OF 3.8+



## Why is honor roll important?

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Like any other award, it demonstrates that you have worked hard and achieved success

Each academic year, you have the opportunity to earn the distinction of being on the honor roll

It is important to recognize this honor because

- Parents care
- Summer programs and colleges care
- You should care because it is your reward for working hard all year long!

# HONOR SOCIETIES

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## **CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION**

- Recognizes students living in the state of California who possess high standards in academics
- Calculated based on academic courses and grades received in the classes and community service
  - Specific form must be completed each semester summarizing classes and grades received
  - NOT automatic—MUST renew each semester
- Eligible beginning in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and continues through senior year
  - If qualified for 4 semesters including one semester in senior year, you receive Lifetime Membership and Gold seal on diploma
  - Contact School Counselor-Nicole Cabalar for forms, rules, etc.



# HONOR SOCIETIES

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## NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

- Grades 10 through 12
  - Maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 85 percent, B, 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)
  - Demonstrating volunteer or service hours
  - Preserving an excellent record of behavior in and out of school
  - Participating in leadership roles in school and/or community activities
  - Ms. Hou (11<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher) is advisor for DV Design

# WHAT SHOULD SOPHOMORES BE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE?

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- **GREET ACRONYM**

- GRADES, RECOMMENDATIONS, ESSAYS, EXTRACURRICULAR, TESTING
- *FOCUS ON EXTRACURRICULAR, COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND SUMMER PROGRAMS THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO YOU*
- COLLEGES ARE LOOKING FOR CONSISTENCY IN ACTIVITIES OVER TIME
- LEADERSHIP CAN BE DEFINED IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS
- 'WELL LOPSIDED' VS. WELL ROUNDED
  - A 'FEW THINGS' OVER TIME VS. 'MANY DIFFERENT UNFOCUSED' ACTIVITIES

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  - *IN 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, YOUR MAJOR FOCUS SHOULD BE **GRADES, EXTRACURRICULAR AND TESTING***
    - GET STRONG GRADES-TAKE ACADEMIC RIGOR AND CHALLENGE YOURSELF
    - TAKE HONORS AND DO WELL
    - POSSIBLY TAKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CLASSES OVER THE SUMMER
  - *DON'T OBSESS ABOUT TESTING*
    - PASS YOUR CAHSEE
    - TAKE SUBJECT TESTS (IF YOU FEEL YOU'VE MASTERED THE CONTENT AND DO WELL)
    - BEGIN TO RESEARCH SAT/ACT OPTIONS

# TOOLS TO ASSIST AND MONITOR YOUR STUDENT

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## **POWER SCHOOL**

- GIVES YOU A SNAPSHOT OF YOUR STUDENT'S GRADES ON A DAILY BASIS
- WILL HELP TO AVOID ANY 'SURPRISES' WITH GRADES
- CREATES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU TO CONTACT TEACHER TO DETERMINE WHERE HELP IS NEEDED
- GIVES YOU OPPORTUNITY TO 'SHOW' YOUR STUDENT HOW BEING PROACTIVE CAN HELP WITH THEIR GRADES

## **NAVIANCE FAMILY CONNECTION**

- COLLEGE SEARCH AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
- HELP PARENTS AND STUDENTS SEARCH FOR COLLEGES
- PRIMARY SYSTEM FOR COUNSELORS TO SUBMIT TRANSCRIPTS, SCHOOL REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

# WHAT SHOULD SOPHOMORES BE DOING NOW TO PREPARE FOR COLLEGE?

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- CONSIDER VISITING COLLEGES
  - COLLEGE FAIRS, COLLEGE NIGHTS, LOCAL COLLEGES
    - *IN 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE, YOUR STUDENT SHOULD VISIT COLLEGES TO DETERMINE 'WHAT THEY LIKE' IN A COLLEGE*
      - DVD FIELD TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 23-THREE DIFFERENT UC COLLEGES (UCI, UCR, UCLA)
      - DVC FIELD TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 15-ALL STUDENTS WILL VISIT LMU
      - MORE IMPORTANT TO DETERMINE ATTRIBUTES, RATHER THAN SPECIFIC COLLEGES
      - MANY LOCAL COLLEGES NEARBY (SMALL LIBERAL ARTS, LARGE STATE SCHOOL, DIFFERENT SIZE)

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- CONSIDER VISITING COLLEGES
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    - ATTEND COLLEGE NIGHTS SPONSORED BY COLLEGES AT LOCAL HOTELS (SUMMER SOPHOMORE YEAR, FALL JUNIOR YEAR)
      - Examples:
        - Colleges that Change Lives-[www.ctcl.org](http://www.ctcl.org)
        - Exploring College Options(Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, U Penn, Stanford)
          - [www.exploringcollegeoptions.org](http://www.exploringcollegeoptions.org)
        - Exploring Educational Excellence(Brown, U of Chicago, Cornell, Rice, Columbia)
          - [www.exploringeducationalexcellence.org](http://www.exploringeducationalexcellence.org)

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  - *DON'T OBSESS ABOUT SPECIFIC COLLEGE CHOICE RIGHT NOW*
  - *STUDENTS CHANGE OVER TIME-DON'T WANT TO GET 'STUCK' ON ANY ONE COLLEGE*
    - *THERE ARE 3,400 COLLEGES ACROSS THE U.S.*
  - IMPORTANT TO ASSESS 'FIT' AND 'PREFERENCES'
  - WE HELP STUDENTS DEVELOP COLLEGE LISTS AND 'MATCHES' BASED ON ACADEMIC AND OTHER FACTORS

## WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING NOW AS A PARENT OF A SOPHOMORE?

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- PROVIDE RESOURCES
  - ACADEMIC SUPPORT
    - UTILIZE TEACHER OFFICE HOURS
    - TUTORING AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT
  - NURTURING/SUPPORT SYSTEM
    - MANAGE STRESS
    - FAMILY TIME(EVEN WHEN THEY SAY DON'T WANT IT 😊)



## WHAT SHOULD I BE DOING NOW AS A PARENT OF A SOPHOMORE?

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- EXTRACURRICULAR, SUMMER PROGRAMS, SUMMER JOBS
  - HELP IN RESEARCHING OPTIONS
  - DOESN'T HAVE TO BE COST PROHIBITIVE
    - ASK FRIENDS
  - FIND OPTIONS THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO STUDENT
    - DON'T WORRY ABOUT 'WHAT LOOKS GOOD ON COLLEGE APPLICATIONS'

# Have a great evening!

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THANK YOU FOR COMING!

